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Sir:

This submission is supplemental to the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement which applicants filed on December 19, 2003 (date of the Certificate of Mailing). Applicants herewith enclose a copy of the European Search Report which brought the reference **EP 1206976** to applicants' attention. The European Search Report issued on November 21, 2003. Applicants Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was, therefore, submitted timely, and consideration of the reference in the examination is respectfully solicited.

Furthermore, it is respectfully noted that the European Search Report identifies **US 2002059974 A1** as an English language equivalent of **EP 1206976**. A copy of the U.S. publication is herewith enclosed for the record. Favorable action is solicited.

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